

REMARKS

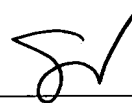
With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the International and Japanese priority applications by reference, and to place the specification in better condition for examination. The drawings have been amended to designate FIG. 18 as "PRIOR ART" in compliance with MPEP § 608.02(g). The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.72.

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies and place them in better form for examination. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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